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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed March 26, 2002, in connection with the captioned application, please consider the following remarks.

**Remarks**

Claims 1-26 are pending in the instant application. The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

I. Claims 1-21, drawn to combination of compositions; and

II. Claims 22-26, drawn to methods of enhancing images.

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In response, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute the claims in group I. This election is made without prejudice to the ability of Applicants to file provisional applications to non-elected species. Additionally, Applicants will cancel non-elected claims when a Notice of Allowability of the elected claims is received.